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Amendments and Response to Office Action of January 2008

Statement Regarding Interview

On 17 January 2008, I spoke with Mr. David Garcia Cervetti regarding the status of my patent application.

He advised me that in his opinion I was merely revisiting Knoppix (Knopper "Building a self-contained auto-configuring Linux system on an iso9660 filesystem").

After some discussion, we came to the understanding that I was attempting to patent a script-driven process by which a production prototype of a Linux system would be, in repeated sequence, combined with individualizing configuration information, to produce a series of iso9660 filesystems all comprised within a single TCP/IP ("transmission control protocol/internet protocol") subnet ("sub-network") of up to 254 distinct IP addresses. Thus, while each iso9660 filesystem of such a group might indeed much resemble a "Knoppix" Compact-Disc Read-Only-Memory Disc ("CDROM", "iso9660 filesystem"), my patent application was for the scripts which would create of this group of CDs one fully-configured subnet with up to 254 discrete and individual Linux filesystems, each with a different network identity, and with each capable of communicating with each other with multiple layers of encryption. Thus, my application is less concerned with the iso9660 filesystem, and is more concerned with the creation of a pre-configured network.

Further discussion enlightened me as to certain errors in the presentation of my claims in an unacceptable format. Please find on pages following a submission of claim in the proper format.